

BUREAU OF AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

Specific Language of Proposed Regulation Amendment

(1) Section 3340.42 of Division 33 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations is amended to read as follows:

NOTE: THIS REGULATORY ACTION AMENDS ONLY TABLE I, ACCELERATION SIMULATION MODE EMISSION STANDARDS AND GROSS POLLUTER STANDARDS (ENCLOSED), WHICH IS REFERENCED IN § 3340.42. THERE ARE NO CHANGES PROPOSED IN THE REGULATION TEXT ITSELF.

§ 3340.42 Mandatory Emissions Inspection Standards and Test Procedures.

Smog check stations and smog check technicians shall conduct tests and inspections in accordance with the bureau's BAR Test Analyzer System Specifications referenced in section 3340.16.7(a) or the BAR Emissions Inspection System Specifications referenced in section 3340.16.7(b), whichever is appropriate, and the following:

(a) There shall be two test procedures as follows. The loaded mode test method shall be the primary test method used in the enhanced program areas and the idle mode test method shall be used in all other program areas of the state.

(1) A loaded mode test method shall measure hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide and oxides of nitrogen emission. The loaded mode test equipment shall be Acceleration Simulation Mode (ASM) test equipment, including a chassis dynamometer, certified by the bureau. The loaded mode test procedures, including the preconditioning procedure, shall only be conducted according to bureau approved procedures and include the following:

(A) Place the vehicle's driving wheels on a chassis dynamometer and properly restrain the vehicle prior to commencing the test.

(B) Exhaust emissions shall be tested and compared to the emission standards set forth in this

section and as shown in TABLE I.

(C) With the vehicle operating, sample the exhaust system in the following sequence:

1. Accelerate the vehicle to the cruise condition as specified by the test procedures.
2. Operate the vehicle long enough to stabilize emission levels.
3. Measure and record emissions (hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, and oxides of nitrogen).

(2) The idle mode test method shall measure hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide emissions at high RPM and again at idle RPM, as contained in the bureau's specifications.

Exhaust emissions from a vehicle subject to inspection shall be tested and compared to the emission standards set forth in this section and as shown in TABLE I or TABLE III, as applicable.

(b) There shall be a liquid fuel leak inspection as follows:

(1) As used in this section, "Liquid fuel leak" means any fuel emanating from a vehicle's fuel delivery, metering, or evaporation systems in liquid form that has created a visible drop or more of fuel on a component of a vehicle's fuel delivery, metering, or evaporation system or has created a fuel puddle on, around, or under a component of a vehicle's fuel delivery, metering, or evaporation system.

(2) With the engine running, the smog check technician shall visually inspect the following components of the vehicle, if they are exposed and visually accessible, for liquid fuel leaks:

(A) Gasoline fuel tanks.

(B) Gasoline fill pipes, associated hoses and fuel tank connections.

(C) Gas caps.

(D) External fuel pumps.

(E) Fuel delivery and return lines and hoses.

(F) Fuel filters.

(G) Carburetors.

(H) Fuel injectors.

(I) Fuel pressure regulators.

(J) Charcoal canisters.

(K) Fuel vapor hoses.

(L) Any valves connected to any other fuel evaporative component.

(3) If a smog check technician detects a liquid fuel leak, the technician shall enter “F” (Defective) in the “Fuel Evaporative Controls” category of the visual inspection when prompted by the test analyzer system or emissions inspection system, as appropriate, and the vehicle shall fail the inspection.

(4) Smog check technicians shall indicate on the vehicle inspection report the location of any liquid fuel leak.

(5) The liquid fuel leak inspection required by this section is a visual inspection only. Smog check technicians are not required to perform any disassembly of the vehicle to inspect for liquid fuel leaks. No special tools or equipment, other than a flashlight and mirror, are required and no raising, hoisting or lifting of the vehicle is required.

(6) Expenditures for repairs made at a licensed smog check station to correct liquid fuel leaks detected during a smog check inspection shall be credited toward the repair cost waiver expenditure specified in Section 44017 of the Health and Safety Code, or applied to the repair assistance program co-payment specified in Section 44062.1 of the Health and Safety Code and

Sections 3340.9 and 3394.4 of this chapter.

(7) Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a technician from refusing to inspect a vehicle or from aborting an inspection if a liquid fuel leak presents a safety hazard.

(8) This subsection shall not apply to vehicles fueled exclusively by compressed natural gas (CNG), liquid natural gas (LNG), or liquid petroleum gas (LPG).

(c) Pursuant to section 39032.5 of the Health and Safety Code, gross polluter standards are as follows:

(1) A gross polluter means a vehicle with excess hydrocarbon, carbon monoxide, or oxides of nitrogen emissions pursuant to the gross polluter emissions standards included in TABLES I, II or III.

(2) Vehicles with emission levels exceeding the emission standards for gross polluters during an initial inspection will be considered gross polluters and the provisions pertaining to gross polluting vehicles will apply, including, but not limited to, sections 44014.5, 44015, 44017 and 44081 of the Health and Safety Code.

(3) A Gross polluting vehicle shall not be passed or issued a certificate of compliance until the vehicle's emissions are reduced to or below the applicable emissions standards for the vehicle as indicated in TABLES I, II, or III. However, the provisions described in section 44017 of the Health and Safety Code may apply.

(4) This subsection shall become effective immediately and applies in all program areas statewide to vehicles requiring inspection pursuant to sections 44005 and 44011 of the Health and Safety Code.

(5) The gross polluter emission standards in TABLE III shall be used to determine if a vehicle shall be designated as a gross polluter.

[DELETE EXISTING TABLE I, AND INSERT NEW TABLE I HERE.]

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 44002, 44003, 44013 and 44036, Health and Safety Code.
Reference: Sections 39032.5, 44002, 44003, 44005, 44011, 44011.3, 44012, 44013, 44014.5, 44015, 44017, 44032, 44036, 44062.1 and 44081, Health and Safety Code.